

<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  <b>MAIL STOP RCE</b> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995	Application Number <b>JAN 22 2007</b> 09/996,308	
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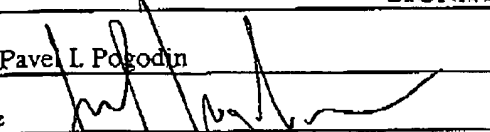
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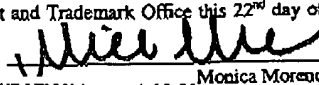
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